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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The following references have been cited in the International Phase of the above-identified application.

- WO 02/074522 discloses a method for preparing air channel-equipped film for use in vacuum package. The reference has been cited under Categories P and X as being relevant to International claims 1 - 10.

- WO 02/066227 discloses a method of manufacturing film for vacuum packaging bag, and vacuum packaging bag manufactured using the film. The reference has been cited under Categories P and X as being relevant to International claims 1 - 10.

- U.S. 5549,944 discloses a tubular element for the formation of bags for the vacuum-packing of products. The reference has been cited under Category Y as being relevant to International claims 1 - 8 and further cited under Category X as being relevant to International claims 9 and 10. No copy of this reference is being submitted at this time in accordance with the U.S. Patent Office rule.

- EP 0 836 927 discloses a method for producing a decorative sheet and apparatus for producing the same. The reference has been cited under Category Y as being relevant to International claims 1 - 8.

- U.S. 5,874,155 discloses easy-opening flexible packaging laminates and packaging materials made therefrom. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1- 10. No copy of this reference is being submitted at this time in accordance with the U.S. Patent Office rule.

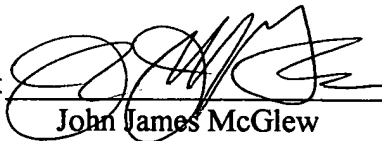
- U.S. 3,895,153 discloses a friction-surface sheet. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1 - 6. No copy of this reference is being submitted at this time in accordance with the U.S. Patent Office rule.

- WO 02/28577 discloses a processing substrate and/or support surface. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1 - 3.

Consideration of the above references is respectfully requested.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Ex- aminer Initial	Document No.	Date	Name	Class	Sub- class	Filing Date
	<u>5,549,944</u>	<u>Aug. 27, 1996</u>	<u>Abate</u>			<u>July 10, 1995</u>
	<u>5,874,155</u>	<u>Feb. 23, 1999</u>	<u>Gehrke et al.</u>			<u>Jan. 25, 1996</u>
	<u>3,895,153</u>	<u>July 15, 1975</u>	<u>Johnston et al.</u>			<u>Oct. 5, 1973</u>

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	<u>WO 02/074522</u>	<u>Sept. 26, 2002</u>	<u>International</u>			<u>Yes</u>
	<u>WO 02/066227</u>	<u>Aug. 29, 2002</u>	<u>International</u>			<u>Yes</u>
	<u>EP 0 836 927</u>	<u>April 22, 1998</u>	<u>Europe</u>			<u>Yes</u>
	<u>WO 02/28577</u>	<u>April 11, 2002</u>	<u>International</u>			<u>Yes</u>

OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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